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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Shoichiro Usui  
Appl. No. : 09/731,170  
Filed : December 6, 2000  
For : HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND  
METHOD OF FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS  
SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Official Action of November 25, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claim 5 to read as follows:

5. A high-pressure pipe assembly, comprising:

a metal pipe having opposite first and second ends, a connecting head adjacent said first end, said connecting head having a seat surface flared outwardly from said first end, a cylindrical surface extending from said seat surface away from said first end and a bearing surface extending inwardly from an end of the cylindrical surface remote from the seat surface, said cylindrical surface having a selected outside diameter, a cylindrical body extending from said bearing surface of said connecting head toward said second end, said cylindrical body having an outside diameter less than said selected